

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 68 public bills, H.R. 5336–5403; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 291–292; and H. Res. 971–973, 975, 977–978 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 974, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (H. Rept. 110–524) and

H. Res. 976, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5349) to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days (H. Rept. 110–525).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain William E. Dickens, Jr., 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the life of senior Border Patrol agent Luis A. Aguilar, who lost his life in the line of duty near Yuma, Arizona, on January 19, 2008: H. Res. 954, amended, to honor the life of senior Border Patrol agent Luis A. Aguilar, who lost his life in the line of duty near Yuma, Arizona, on January 19, 2008, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 357 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 43;

Pages H820–23, H848–49

Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 2251, amended, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park;

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Kalaupapa Memorial Act of 2007: H.R. 3332, amended, to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969;

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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt: H. Res. 868, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the "National Quilt Museum of the United States": H. Con. Res. 209, to express the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the “National Quilt Museum of the United States”;

Pages H828–29

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California: H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California;

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Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2008: H.R. 5270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund;

Pages H831–34

Commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American independence in the "Siege of Savannah" and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery: H. Res. 909, amended, to commemorate the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American independence in the “Siege of Savannah” and for Haiti’s independence and renunciation of slavery, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 361 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 44;

Pages H834–37, H849

Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office”;

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Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3532, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office”;

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Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4203, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia,

Georgia, as the “Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building”; **Pages H841–42**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the ‘Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building.’” **Page H842**

Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5135, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the “Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building”; and **Pages H842–44**

Celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln’s beliefs: H. Con. Res. 281, to celebrate the birth of Abraham Lincoln and to recognize the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln’s beliefs, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 45.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Lantos of California, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 429. **Page H848**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H848**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, February 13th:

Congratulating the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history: H. Res. 960, to congratulate the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most remarkable postseason runs in professional sports history. **Pages H837–39**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Tom Lantos. **Page H849**

In Memory of the late Honorable Tom Lantos of California: The House agreed to H. Res. 975, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Tom Lantos, a Representative from the State of California. **Pages H850–61**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the 2008 Economic Report of the President—referred to

the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–83). **Page H847**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H847–48.

Senate Referrals: S. 2071 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on the Judiciary; S. Con. Res. 67 and S. Con. Res. 68 were referred to the Committee on House Administration; and S. Res. 446 was held at the desk. **Page H867**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H848, H849, and H849–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and at 9:36 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 975, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Tom Lantos.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Wildland Fire Management Oversight. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzarro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the USDA: Kathleen Tighe, Deputy Inspector General; and Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; James Cason, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Protecting American Employees from Workplace Discrimination. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCarthy of New York and Souder; public witnesses.

KETEK CLINICAL STUDY FRAUD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Ketek Clinical Study Fraud: What Sanofiaventis Knew.” Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; the following Special Agents, Office of Criminal Investigation, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Robert West, and Douglas Loveland; Robert Eke, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Special Investigations Division, Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.